

funeral at the Pipe Creek church; while there I was invited to visit the Maryland Collegiate Institute, located at Union Bridge Maryland. The invitation was accepted, and on Monday morning, before leaving for Washington, I was permitted to be present at the opening exercises in the chapel, and at their request, I read the scripture lesson and led in prayer, also delivered a short address. This institution is now in its third year and seems to be in a flourishing condition. It is controlled exclusively by our German Baptist Brethren, and bids fair to reach a standard not lower than Huntingdon and Mount Morris, within the next few years.

It gives me much pleasure to see the change that is gradually being wrought out by the influence of the college in many ways, but especially in the way of extending Christian courtesy to other religious bodies. Only a few years ago and I was a student at Bridgewater College. To invite a minister of any other denomination to conduct the devotional exercises in their college at that time, was a thing unknown and untolerated. Thank God for these changes. May the heaven keep on working until that spirit may prevail that knows nothing save that love that thinketh no evil. The more we know of that love the greater will be our experimental knowledge of the "narrow way" of the gospel.

On my way back to the Capital I had expected to stop off a few hours in Baltimore and visit Bro R. W. Cassady, who has been receiving medical treatment in the Johns Hopkins Hospital for several weeks, but for several reasons we were not permitted to do so. We trust, however, that brother Cassady will soon be able to be with us again. We all miss him very much in the work in this city. Sister Cassady is visiting her parents at Sunny Side, Maryland. May they both soon join us again!

Had more I wished to write but can not at present.

I feel very grateful, indeed, for the contributions that have been received lately. They were much needed. Trust that others will do likewise until our needs will have been supplied. Names will be reported thru Brother Cassel in due time, together with amounts etc. Pray for us.

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Our pastor being in Maryland holding a series of meetings, I will endeavor to write a few thoughts for the EVANGELIST. Brother Lyon is always greatly missed during his absence, not only by his own congregation but by the people of nearly all denominations. Brother Lyon always has a pleasant, helpful word for all, and his personal work, his untiring efforts and his implicit faith in a prayer answering God, have done wonders toward "the rebuilding of Christ's kingdom here on earth," in the Washington

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City Church. I agree with Brother Lyon as to personal work, not only in the church but also in the Sunday School. Two years ago we had an enrollment in our Sunday School of about twenty five with an average attendance of fifteen and now we have an enrollment of between eighty and ninety and an average attendance of over sixty, and the increase is largely due to Brother Lyon's personal work. Our pastor is always busy but never too busy to render assistance to those who ask it, if it is in his power to assist them either spiritually or temporarily. His assistance is usually received gratefully but often ungratefully. Some people take it for granted that it is Brother Lyon's business to help them out of trouble whether they help themselves or not. Brother Lyon is a faithful shepherd and tho he may not receive any reward here on earth for his faithfulness, I am sure there is a bright crown laid up for him in our Father's house where trials never come and partings are no more.

We are very sorry to hear of Sister Cassel's illness and trust it may please God to spare her to those to whom she is so dear; but if it is his will to release her from her suffering and take her to himself, we must say "Thy will be done", for we know that all things work together for good to those who love God. Brother Cassel has our sympathy in his hours of trial.

At our last Thursday night meeting some very helpful thoughts were given on the subject missions. There are people who speak, write and give for foreign missions but never even think of home missions when right in their own neighborhood there are dozens of people who really need to have Christ preached to them as much as do the heathen. Some say there is no need of home missionaries because there are so many churches where people can go to hear the gospel preached. That is very true, but there are so many people who would go to church if some one would only ask them to go, that they might know that some one cared for their soul. I

heard a minister tell not long since of a statement he read in a church paper of a woman who was brought in court as a witness, and when she was to be "sworn in" the judge discovered that she had never heard of Christ or God and this happened in a city of about four hundred churches. Upon investigation of the case as to why she was so ignorant it was found that she had lived all her life in the neighborhood of fifty churches and several ministers lived near her home and she lived only one square from a Jewish Synagogue and only one square from a Catholic church. It surely looks as tho the ministers and churches of that city have fallen short of holding forth the banner of Christ. I think such a case as that ought to cause every Christian to do more toward christianizing their own cities in the future than they have done in the past. I do not mean that there is no need of this work in the country but there is not nearly so much vice in the country to contend with as there is in the city. The case I mention is an exceptional one I believe, but I have heard of others that are almost as great a shame to Christianity as it is. One would be tempted to doubt such a statement, but the minister who told it said its truthfulness was vouched for by those whose statement could be relied upon. I do not want any one to think by what I have written on home missions that I do not believe in foreign missions but I think like charity "should begin at home but not end there." I am glad the brotherhood is so greatly interested in foreign missions but I hope the home missions will not suffer.

Brother R. W. Cassady who has been in poor health for some time, is at John Hopkins Hospital undergoing treatment and Sister Cassaday is at her old home at Sunny-side, Maryland. It is impossible to say how long Brother Cassady will have to remain at the hospital but we trust it may please our heavenly Father soon to restore him to health again. Brother and Sister Cassady are both greatly missed in our services here. They